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Prepared Jointly By
The Department of State Lands
and
The Flathead County Park Board



FOREWORD

In governing and managing this "Natural Area" we should keep before us at all times the definition of "natural": BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH OR DETERMINED BY NATURE. Inherent in this definition is the implied requirement of us as managers to keep the heavy hand of man as much out of the management as possible, and to proceed as carefully and thoughtfully as possible.

Let us consider some basic facts: Our planet earth was 4.6 billion years in its creation. Life commenced on earth 3 billion years ago and evolved naturally throughout this awesome period of time to bring us to the present. Of this 3 billion years of evolutionary time, our own species has occupied only the last 3 million years, or in other words only one thousandth of the total period of life on earth. Throughout his 3 million years, man lived entirely within his natural environment until only about 3,000 years ago, at which time he began to make use of written languages and to move outside of his natural existence.

Even so, this so-called historic period has occupied only about one thousandth of man's time on earth, and only one millionth of the total period of general life on earth! Even during this last 3,000 years of man's life on earth he lived reasonably close to nature until only about the last 100 years, at which time he began an extravagant and unsustainable burning of fossil fuels to produce energy which in turn was used to alter the face of the earth with reckless abandon. As a result of man's sudden access to power and his voracious and thoughtless behavior during this most recent tiny instant of his existence, almost nothing completely natural remains in areas within his easy reach. Hence the urgent need for the setting aside of representative "Natural Areas" before it is too late.

It seems absolutely mandatory that the role of manager should be one of maintaining the integrity of a natural area until such time as our species has been forced to acquaint itself with the shortsightedness and wastefulness of much of its recent behavior, and finds itself with the knowledge and the inclination to assume a proper and sustainable role as only one of a million species of life on earth.

In other words, the only way we can keep all options open with regard to the future of our "Natural Area" is to keep it as natural as we possibly can, for as long as we possibly can. If not, we very soon will have lost this unique opportunity forever.

by Mark Ahner

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS
STATE NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between the Department of State Lands; hereinafter referred to as the "Department"; and The Flathead County Park Board; hereinafter referred to as the "Managing Entity"; do mutually covenant and agree to the terms and conditions as are set forth herein:

WITNESSETH:

1. By the authority of, and in accordance with, the Montana Natural Areas Act of 1974, Section 81-2701, R.C.M. 1947; and the rules adopted pursuant thereto (M.A.C. 26-2.14(1)-S1410 - S14010) the Managing Entity does hereby agree to accept the management responsibility for the following described State Natural Area:

Name Owen Sowerwine State Natural Area

County: Flathead Acres: 442.22

Boundaries:

Legal Description - Township 28 North, Range 21 West,
Section 16 (Montana Principal Meridian)

Subdivisions - NE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; and Lots 1 and 2.

hereafter referred to as the "State Natural Area", "Natural Area" or "area".

2. The Managing Entity shall recognize and uphold the following primary duties:



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- A. Maintain the integrity of the State Natural Area, and retain as nearly as possible all of the natural attributes of the site; and
 - B. Assure that the use of the State Natural Area is consistent with the intent of the Montana Natural Areas Act of 1974, the requirements of the Rules governing the Establishment, Administration, and Management of State Natural Areas, and that the Master Plan, which is hereto affixed and made a part of this Agreement, is fulfilled in its entirety.
3. The Managing Entity shall designate a responsible party from within their employ as the Principal Manager of the State Natural Area. The Department shall be notified of the name and address of the Principal Manager, and of all personnel changes which occur in this position throughout the duration of this Agreement.
4. Annual Status Reports shall be completed by the Managing Entity for submission to the Department on or before the anniversary date of this Agreement. Such reports shall include the following:
- A. A brief summary of the beneficial and adverse trends in the natural character of the area, the preceeding and projected visitor use which the area is experiencing, and physical threats to the area's natural integrity;
 - B. Copies of all permits which were issued for organized group use of the area, for the collecting of samples from the area, and for the installation of environmental

- monitoring devices on the area, as well as copies of all research projects and studies conducted on the area;
- C. Recommended amendments to the Master Plan which would enhance the protection and use of the State Natural Area. Suggested additions to the area which would help alleviate management problems, ensure the long term viability of the area, or generally increase the Natural Area values or benefits which could be realized from the area;
 - D. Recommendations to eliminate or reduce the danger of potential public injury hazards;
 - E. Copies of all press releases, news articles, and other informational materials concerning the Natural Area; and
 - F. All other information pertaining to the management of the Natural Area which the Department may request.
5. No user, or admission fee may be charged to visitors of the area by the Managing Entity solely for the purpose of entering on, or enjoying the features of the State Natural Area. However, the Managing Entity may recover its management costs for services rendered in the exercise of this Agreement by accepting gifts or assessing fees when expenses are specifically incurred for the production of maps, interpretive nature guides, on-site guided studies, or any other materials or services provided which are designed to promote the harmonious use of the State Natural Area.

6. This Agreement does not imply nor express a transfer or conveyance of claim to any of the physical resources of the real property comprising the State Natural Area. Hence, the Managing Entity has no authority to, and may not, consume for its own purposes any physical estate in the property, nor transfer or dispose of same to a third party.
7. This Agreement, including all responsibilities described herein, may not be assigned nor transferred, in whole or part, to a third party not within the employ of the respective parties hereto. However, this Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon all parties who are designated in accordance with this Agreement.
8. The Managing Entity agrees not to maintain an attractive nuisance on the Natural Area which could endanger the visiting public. Further, the Managing Entity agrees to save harmless the Department for all liabilities which may arise from a negligent failure to identify potential public injury hazards and to properly warn the public of same.
9. This Agreement shall become effective on the date that both parties so execute, and will remain in effect until such time as either party has given thirty (30) days written notice to the other party expressing a desire to cancel the Agreement; or unless both parties mutually agree to dissolve the Agreement; or, for just cause, the Department elects to dissolve the Agreement in the interest of the maintenance and protection of the State Natural Area and so notifies the Managing Entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department of State Lands and the Flathead County Park Board have entered into, and are the parties of this Agreement, and the Commissioner of State Lands, pursuant to the authority granted him by the Board of Land Commissioners, has hereunto set his hand,

Ted Schwinden, Commissioner
Department of State Lands

Date

Arnold Jacobsen, President
Flathead County Park Board

Date

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1. Theme:

Owen Sowerwine State Natural Area receives its character primarily from the forces of nature, the visual aspects of human intrusion on the area are virtually non-existent. The value of the area is derived from its geologically significant formation at the confluence of two important waterways of the Northern Rocky Mountains, the Flathead and Stillwater Rivers; and in its botanical communities of dense forest and shrubland; as well as a zoological importance for aquatic life and game and non-game animals.

The purpose of this Natural Area is to provide an active and uninhibited ecological preserve for native species of vegetation and wildlife to evolve as they may, without man's alteration of the land or water which supports them. The value of this area to man, in addition to the maintenance of ecological diversity, lies in the growth and knowledge which he is able to derive from the conscious observation of natural phenomena. These observations may be calculated as those of a trained researcher; casual, for the enjoyment of a walk-through visitor; or interpretive, for the education of small groups. Regardless of the form of these observations, all men are visitors to this area, and their presence must be unobtrusive without enduring impact.

The following Master Plan attempts to insure the success of the area's twofold purpose of protection with use. However, by necessity, the perpetual integrity of the Natural Area will be maintained only if the visiting public shares in the responsibility to protect the area through diligent stewardship. On the premise that we do in fact visit this area on its terms, with a sincere regard and respect for all of its intrinsic values, we may expect to offer future generations the enjoyment which this wild and intriguing Natural Area provides.

2. Location:

Owen Sowerwine State Natural Area is an area of land and water in Flathead County, Montana. The Flathead and Stillwater Rivers flow through the Natural Area. The major land area consists of an island between these waterways. The area is located approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a mile east of the City of Kalispell. The legal boundaries of the area are described as follows:

The $NE\frac{1}{4}$; $E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$; $W\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$; $SE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$; $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$; $E\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$; $S\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$; Lots 1 and 2, Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 21 West (Montana Principal Meridian), totaling 442.22 acres, more or less (Appendix, map 6).

Latitude of the area is $48^{\circ} 08'$ North and Longitude is $114^{\circ} 16'$ West. The elevation range is 2890 feet to 2900 feet. Geographically, the area is West of the Continental Divide in the broad Flathead Valley, within Montana's Northwest Montane Region.

3. Character:

3.1. General Characteristics and Environmental Intrusions:

The most striking feature of the area is the dense forest and brush vegetation which limits views to within a few feet, and provides shelter for numerous species of wildlife. Natural debris from annual floods can be found along the flanks of the area, and the banks of the island have been eroded in many places in excess of ten (10) feet above normal water levels. The general topography of the island and surrounding lands is the result of repeated meanderings by the adjacent rivers. A braided pattern of waterways exists throughout the immediate area. Abandoned river channels, a system of islands, and periodic sandbars characterize the active nature of the forces shaping this Natural Area (Appendix, map 5). These factors combine to give the visitor an opportunity to seek solitude along the numerous wildlife trails traversing the area, and likewise, may cause the individual who does not choose his route carefully to lose his original bearings.

The environmental intrusions which the area has experienced are minimal. Timber was periodically harvested from the area for a period of twenty-six (26) years, between 1915 and 1941, but evidence of this activity is scarce. Mineral permits were granted on the area until 1939, but there is no indication that they were exercised. A portion of the area is presently used as grazing land and a small area is in agricultural production, as well (Appendix, figure 1). Approximately 1.84

acres in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ is subject to a fifty foot (50') wide right-of-way for an electric transmission pole line (Appendix, figure 2).

3.2. Special Characteristics:

3.21. Climate (recording station at Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell)

Average Date of First Freeze.....September 23

Average Date of Last Freeze.....May 12

Average Length of Frost-free
Season.....135 days

Average Annual Snowfall.....67.3 inches

Average Annual Total
Precipitation.....15.4 inches

Mean Annual Temperature.....42.8⁰ F.

Highest Temperature Recorded.....105⁰ F.
(August 1961)

Lowest Temperature Recorded.....-35⁰ F.
(December 1968)

Annual Average Maximum Temperature...55.1⁰ F.

Annual Average Minimum Temperature...30.6⁰ F.

3.22 Soils

Specific information on the alluvial soil types has been taken from the Soil Conservation Service's soil survey publication on the Upper Flathead Valley Area, Montana and Engineering Properties and Soil Interpretations For Use In Resource Planning And Development. The Chamokane

series soil type is found on the Western portion of the area and consists of shallow, immature soils of the flood plains. Historically, these soils have been deposited by the Flathead River, however, the Stillwater River has added this soil type to the area in this case. These soils are subject to flooding in spring and early summer. Light-colored alluvium is deposited on them each year. The surface soil of the Chamokane soils is grayish brown sandy, and is underlain by pale-brown sandy material. Light brownish-gray fine sandy material occurs at an average depth of about 2 feet. These soils are generally slightly calcareous throughout. The Banks series soils form the remainder of the area and are sandy for their entire depth. They occupy flood plains, mainly along the Flathead River. They have developed in recently deposited, very sandy alluvium.

Banks soils are subject to frequent flooding, but between floods they are well drained down to the water table. These soils have been weathered little since the parent material was deposited. Only a small amount of organic matter has accumulated in the surface soil. Vegetation has had little effect on color or other characteristics of these soils; all layers are calcareous (Appendix, Extract 1 and map 1).

3.23 Water

The Stillwater and Flathead Rivers are major features of the Natural Area. The Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences office in Kalispell indicates that the water quality of the Stillwater River at this location is very good, although the oxygen content is less than optimum. The water quality of the Flathead River is excellent and unquestionably one of the purest streams in the United States. Water quality data for both of these rivers near the proposed Natural Area is limited at this time, but current water-related studies may provide more complete information in the near future. The results of water samples taken on the Stillwater River just north of the Natural Area are provided. (Appendix, Figure 3).

Floodplain information contained in the Corps of Engineers report on the Flathead, Stillwater, and Whitefish Rivers indicates that the entire island lies within the intermediate regional flood zone. Studies have shown that the seasonal water table is from 3'-10' from the ground surface, but is normally found from 2'-6' depth. (Appendix, Map 2).

3.24. Wildlife and Fisheries

The Natural Area ecosystem includes a diverse assortment of resident and transient animals. A complete list of the mammals, birds, reptiles,

and other forms of animal life found on the Natural Area has yet to be compiled, but the following animal life has either been observed or is suspected of using the island during certain periods of the year:

Whitetail Deer (winter and summer range)	Coyote
Raccoon	Beaver
Muskrat	Mink
Weasel	Cottontail (rare)
Red Squirrel	Bald Eagle
Great Blue Heron	Osprey
Canada Geese	Wild Turkey
Ducks (numerous species)	Ring-necked Pheasant
Ruffed Grouse	Songbirds (numerous species)
Reptiles	Amphibians

Fish species found in the river systems include:

Dolly Varden	Lake Whitefish
Rainbow (small population)	Kokanee Salmon
Mountain Whitefish	

The wildlife and fish species presently found attest to the excellent quality habitat provided by the island and its adjacent water resources.

Of special interest is the Great Blue Heron and its past history in the immediate vicinity of the area. South of the island a heron rookery consisting of 160 nests existed until 1968 when

the forest was clear cut, forcing the birds to relocate. Also, several species of migratory waterfowl are found on the rivers bordering the island and migratory fish use both rivers as passageways to their spawning grounds.

3.25 Vegetation

About 90% of the island is densely wooded, predominately with majestic black cottonwood measuring up to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' DBH (diameter breast height). Spruce is also found throughout the island as is River Birch, scattered Douglas Fir, and occasional Ponderosa Pines. The undergrowth is thick and nearly impenetrable in places due to the abundance of alder, hawthorne, chokecherry, rose and other shrub species; however, the vegetation density varies from open spaces to very dense areas (Appendix, Map 3).

A complete species list has not been completed at this time, but preliminary observations indicate that the island's vegetative cover is of the *Picea/Equisetum Arvense* habitat type (Spruce/common horse-tail) as described in the Forest Habitat Types of Montana by Pfister (Appendix, Extract 3). Those species of trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs that have been identified include the following:

Trees-

Black Cottonwood

River Birch

Douglas Fir

Englemann Spruce (possibly a hybrid with White Spruce)

Shrubs-

Willow	Ribes
Snowberry	Buffaloberry
Alder	Hawthorne
Thimbleberry	Rose
Dogwood	Chokecherry

Grasses and Forbs-

Solomon-plum	False Solomon's Seal
Wake-robin	Twisted Stalk
Veratrum	Fireweed
Pyrola	Ricegrass
Wild Rye	Wild Sarsaparilla
Nettle	Horsetail
Asparagus	Strawberry

These species suggest that the forest cover type, as categorized by the society of American Foresters in Forest Cover Types of North America is "Black Cottonwood - Willow" (Type 222).

3.26. Geology

Bedrock geology of the area around Kalispell consists of carbonates and argillites of the Precambrian Belt series. During the Quaternary Wisconsin age, ice sheets advancing south from British Columbia covered the land to at least 2,000 feet and left glacial stratified and non-stratified deposits over much of Northwestern Montana. Kalispell itself is built on the western edge of an extensive plain of undifferentiated glacial drift and lacustrine silt

and drift which extends eastward for about fifteen miles. Overlying this material in its central part is thin alluvium deposited on the flood plain of the Flathead River. This alluvial sand and gravel comprises the natural area. (Appendix, Map 4).

3.27 Human Use

Prior to the 19th Century the Flathead River Valley was inhabited solely by various Indian tribes, and the river system, in conjunction with the adjacent lands, was used as a travel corridor. Fur trading became an important use of the Flathead and Stillwater Rivers in the early 1800's with the establishment of the Northwest Fur and Hudson Companies in the valley. In 1887, the future townsite of Demersville had its beginning on the West bank of the Flathead River about 2 miles south of the proposed Natural Area. By 1891, the town's population had grown to more than 1,000 due largely to the steamboat traffic moving upstream from Flathead Lake, but with the development of the Great Northern Railway through Kalispell, the rapid demise of Demersville took place.

In more recent times the Flathead and Stillwater Rivers, as well as the Natural Area itself, have been used by recreationists. Recreation surveys indicate that demand for water related activities will increase in the future. However, no figures on visitor use are available at this time.

3.28 Pre-existing Uses

All provisions of this plan are subject to the existing rights previously granted by State Patents, Right-of-Way Deeds, Leases, and Licenses. Specific conveyances of record which take precedence over the restrictions of this plan include State Forest Land Use Authorization No. L-0373, and Right-of-Way Deed No. D-4074. However, it is a provision of this plan that all previously granted rights which are less than fee-simple, shall revert to and become the subject of all the respective requirements of this plan, upon their expiration. Further, this section precludes a renewal of Forest Land Use Authorization No. L-0373. This provision shall extend to and become binding upon the land subject to Land Use Authorization No. L-0373 on February 28, 1979; and upon the land subject to Right-of-Way Deed No. D-4074 when the lands granted therein cease to be used for the purposes granted.

4. Management Practices

4.1 General Management:

The enclosed management map (Appendix, map 6) denotes the pattern of use, access, management, boundaries, and other pertinent requirements of this section. The following practices apply to the entire Natural Area.

4.11 Permits

The Managing Entity shall issue permits, free of charge, for the collecting of research or study specimens when this activity is to be conducted on a continuing basis; for the installation of environmental monitoring devices that are necessary for research; and for group uses of the area when repeated visits are planned. The purpose of these permits shall be to establish a record of the benefits which are being realized from the area, and to monitor the uses on the area. The Managing Entity shall disallow all permit applications which include a proposed activity that would cause undue harm to the Natural Area. In addition, the Department may initiate, modify, suspend, or revoke any and all permits. All permits shall include a statement which notifies the permittee that he enters the area at his own risk.

4.12 Records

Recorded visits, field inspections, permits, nature studies, and other materials valuable for guiding the prudent management of the area should be maintained in a retrievable fashion by the Managing Entity, for future reference.

4.13 Wildlife and Fisheries Management

The taking of wild game species by fire arms or bow and arrow, or the taking of fish, shall continue in accordance with those regulations promulgated

by the Department of Fish and Game. However, the Managing Entity may provide further restrictions on this activity for the following reasons:

- a. The local populations of game species are depleted to a noticeable and significant degree;
- b. Non-game species are threatened, and their continued utilization of the habitat provided by the area is modified or otherwise jeopardized; or
- c. A clear threat to the safety of other users of the area exists as a result of repeated negligent and hazardous hunting practices

The taking of game by trapping or snaring is, by reason of the non-selective nature of this activity and the corresponding threat to both the visiting public and non-game species, prohibited.

4.14 Regulation of Diseases and Insects

The control of diseases affecting vegetation and wildlife, and the control of insects, will be left to natural biological forces. Application of chemical controls may be initiated only when evidence clearly establishes that the Natural Area is the source of a disease or insect infestation which constitutes a human health hazard to adjacent populations and the department has approved these controls.

4.15. Scenic and Landscape Management

No effort shall be made to shape the area's features for man's aesthetic pleasure. Trees or shrubs may be cut only in accordance with Sections 4.21d and 4.23e. No scenic vistas shall be created. No exotic plant species shall be introduced upon the area. Horticultural practices are not permitted, and no species shall be fertilized or cultivated.

4.16. Vegetation Management

Domestic animals may not be pastured on the area. The native species of trees, shrubs, grasses, and all other vegetation shall not be harvested, or taken from the area except as is provided for in Section 4.11; nor shall these features be utilized on the area for the mere luxury of personal comfort. The gathering of firewood is prohibited. Exotic species and noxious weeds (as defined by law), may be removed by physical or mechanical means, as the Managing Entity may determine necessary for controlling the propagation of these species. Chemical herbicides may be applied with the Department's approval only when it can be documented that the natural integrity of the area is being compromised by the exotic vegetation, and no other means will remove this

threat. No threatened, rare, or endangered plant species are currently known to exist on the area but the removal of such species, should they be later identified or existing species so classified, may only be undertaken with the express written permission of the Department.

The restoration of those sites which have experienced a significant amount of prior man caused disturbance; whether within the present Natural Area boundaries, or in subsequent additions to this area; may be reclaimed by those land management techniques which the Managing Entity determines appropriate. Provided that natural regeneration will not restore the area within a reasonable period of time.

4.17. Erosion Control

Soil erosion will be allowed to occur naturally. No rip rap, channels, dikes, dams, or other restrictive devices may be placed on the area. In all cases, the rivers shall be allowed to seek their own courses.

4.18. Boundary Markers and Fences

The Managing Entity may post the boundaries of the Natural Area with appropriate markers, to facilitate management of the area. Fences may be constructed along the boundary of the area to limit

domestic livestock, provided that they do not unnecessarily restrict the movement of wildlife or compromise suitable points of public access. However, the lack of such boundary protection devices shall not restrict the State from seeking to remedy trespass of the area, or to prevent other activities which damage the area.

4.19. Predator Control

Native wildlife species commonly regarded as predators shall not be controlled on the area, unless their populations exceed levels which will be controlled through the course of natural selection. The Managing Entity may introduce such measures as are necessary for controlling excessive predator populations, provided that chemical pesticides or poisons are not utilized. In all cases, predator control efforts shall be tailored in such a manner that other wildlife species and the public are not likely to be harmed.

4.110. Commercial Enterprises

No concessions, business ventures, soliciting, or other practices which could be considered a commercial enterprise may be conducted on the area, or allowed to be conducted by the Managing Entity.

4.111. Recreation

In keeping with the basic theme prompting the

preservation of all Natural Areas, the recreational use of the area must be passive in nature. All mechanical modes of transportation used to arrive at the area shall be left in the areas provided for them. All terrain vehicles, motor cycles, snowmobiles, bicycles, and other similar conveyances shall not be used to traverse the area. The Managing Entity may invoke further restrictions on the recreational use of the area as it deems necessary for preserving the Natural Area. Included in this discretion is the authorization to close portions of the Natural Area to public use, to allow only seasonal use of over-used or fragile areas, or to rest areas of popular use by rotating the seasons or years which they may be utilized.

4.112. Public Safety

In recognition of the location of the Natural Area, adjacent to and between two navigable rivers, the Managing Entity shall not encourage the use of the area during periods of high water flow. The Managing Entity may also discourage use of the area in the interest of public safety, by closing access and by deferring the approval of group use or study permits. The public media may be utilized as a means to discourage seasonal use of the area.

when a potential safety hazard exists. The Managing Entity should also make every practical effort to identify and warn the public of potential safety hazards and may restrict access to specific areas when a hazard warrants this action.

4.113. Water Diversion

No devices shall be constructed or introduced on the area to divert, impound, or develop water for irrigation or any other purpose.

4.114. Mining Operations

No mineral or non-metaliferous materials may be removed from any portion of the Natural Area, by any means.

4.115. Exotic Species

No exotic species of flora or fauna may be introduced or released upon the area.

4.116. Right-of-Way

The general public may enjoy the right of Ingress and Egress, as the provisions of this plan describe. Provided, however, that all visitors accept as a condition of this right that they enter upon the area at their own risk. No other rights-of-way, with the exception of those presently existing and described in Sections 3.28 and 4.22a, shall be granted by any device.

4.2. Specific Management

The Natural Area is divided into the following management zones:

Zone 1, Preserve Area

All lands-within the Natural Area's boundaries - which presently form an island, or islands, between the Flathead and Stillwater Rivers, as are denoted on the management map, and all lands which may accrete to said island(s) in the future;

Zone 2, Buffer Area

All lands - within the Natural Area's boundaries - which presently form the beds of the Flathead and Stillwater Rivers, as are denoted on the management map, and all lands which may form the beds of these rivers in the future;

Zone 3, Buffer and Support Area

All lands - within the Natural Area's boundaries - not included in Zones 1 and 2 above, as are denoted on the management map.

4.21. Management and Uses of Zone 1, Preserve Area

This zone includes the features of primary importance to the Natural Area. Consequently, the island comprising this zone is the most deserving area for the Managing Entity's preservation efforts. The major objective for the

management of this area shall be to maintain the island's character much as it presently exists. The guiding principal for resolving future management conflicts, which are not addressed herein, shall be in favor of preserving the longevity and viability of the area's natural features.

4.21a. Access

The only form of access presently available to the island is via boat or by swimming. Boats may be beached at any point along the island's shores for purposes of access. No bridges, permanent ferry boats, or cable cars may be constructed for access to the area. Access shall remain by present means until such time as studies of the use tolerance of the area's soils and vegetation has established the allowable visitor carrying capacity. The Master Plan may then be amended to reflect the appropriate means of access which may be established.

4.21b. Vehicles and Motor Powered Equipment

No motor driven transport vehicles of any design are allowed on the area. Motor powered equipment such as chainsaws are also prohibited from the area.

4.21c. Recreation

Recreational activities are limited to nature studies; outdoor photography; fishing; hunting;

hiking; the observation of native wildlife and vegetation; and other casual uses of the area. Float-in visitors are encouraged to make use of the area, but camping and camp fires are prohibited. Shelters constructed of natural or synthetic materials shall not be erected on the area.

4.21d. Trails and Interpretive Guides

The Managing Entity may provide printed interpretive guides concerning the natural features of the area, and post identifying or descriptive markers near features of natural interest, provided that the interpreted features are not rare, threatened, endangered, or particularly sensitive to attention. Discreet foot paths may be partially cleared to allow for reasonable passage through the area and to manage the pattern of use on the area. However, no surfacing materials shall be introduced upon the area, and those materials which are cleared from paths may not be removed from the area. The clearing of trails shall not be undertaken until such time as the habits of local wildlife populations have been determined, the patterns and extent of visitor use of the island is assessed, and these, as well as other important considerations, are correlated to produce a planned trail design which is complementary to the area, and acceptable.

to the Department. Said plan shall be prepared and submitted with the plan described in Section 4.23f.

4.21e. Fire Suppression

Natural fires will be allowed to shape the successional stages of the vegetation in this zone without abatement. However, the Managing Entity shall make every reasonable effort to contain fires within the boundaries of this zone.

4.21f. Facilities and Structures

No facilities or structures shall be placed in this zone except as is provided for in Section 4.11. Sanitary facilities are specifically prohibited from the area.

4.21g. Domestic Animals

No domestic animals, including household pets and livestock, are permitted within this zone.

4.22. Management and Uses of Zone 2, Buffer Area

The rivers comprising this zone provide a natural barrier for the protection of the island preserve. Their waters also provide a recreational resource for the public, and sustain the aquatic life of the Natural Area. Though the maintenance of the rivers' water quality and natural flow cannot be assured through the preservation of this Natural Area, the value of these attributes is

recognized as a prerequisite for the longterm viability of the area. The preservation and maintenance of the rivers as they flow through the Natural Area will be governed as this section provides.

4.22a. Navigation

All forms of navigation, for recreational or commercial purposes, will not be impaired. The use of the waterways as a travel route shall continue unrestricted. No fences or other obstructions shall be placed across or in the rivers, except as is provided for in the following section.

4.22b. Facilities and Structures

No boat docks or ramps, jetties, dikes, or diversions may be placed in, or on the shores of the rivers. No effluent or other debris may be discharged into the rivers. Dredging, excavation, or filling, for any purpose, is not allowed within this zone. Stream gauging devices may be placed within the area, upon the grant of a permit (Section 4.11) by the Managing Entity.

4.23. Management and Uses of Zone 3, Buffer and Support Area

The major portion of this zone consists of the land area which is presently utilized for grazing and agriculture in accordance with Land Use Authorization No. L-0373. The primary purpose of this

zone shall be to provide additional protection for the preserve area. This zone will be managed to create an alternative area for the purpose of attracting the more active and frequent recreational visitors to the Natural Area away from the preserve area, and thereby lessen the impact of man's presence on the most significant portion of the Natural Area.

4.23a. Access Lanes

Legal public access to the West boundary of this zone exists at three points. Treasure Lane, a thirty (30) foot wide public roadway is the Northern most point of access. Green Ridge Drive is a sixty (60) foot wide public roadway located one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile South of Treasure Lane. Another point of access can be reached by traveling East on the road which is constructed along the section line between Sections 16 and 21 for one eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of a mile, until it turns North on Howard Drive, and then continuing to travel East on foot for another one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of a mile within a permanent thirty (30) foot wide public right-of-way. These access lanes are noted on the Management Map.

4.23b. Fire Suppression

Fires may be controlled in this area by

conventional means, when personal property or the public's safety is threatened. The Managing Entity shall make every reasonable effort to contain fires within the boundaries of the Natural Area.

4.23c. Signs

The Managing Entity may post the access points provided for in this zone with appropriate markers and information describing the permitted uses of the Natural Area. The Managing Entity shall determine the most desirable point of principal access to this zone and erect a suitable sign denoting the designation of the area as, "Owen Sowerwine State Natural Area". This marker shall also include the name of the Natural Area's principal manager, and include a telephone number where this individual may be reached for information regarding the Natural Area. Other beneficial information such as a map of the area and the location of trails and waterways should be included at this entrance. This sign shall also include a notice which clearly states that visitors to the area enter at their own risk.

4.23d. Recreation

Overnight camping is allowed in this zone, subject to further regulations which the Managing

Entity may invoke, and provided that no shelters are constructed of natural materials and no fire-wood is gathered from the area.

4.23e. Trails and Interpretive Guides

Access or route markers may be placed in this zone to guide the public through the area, as the Managing Entity determines necessary. Modest trails may also be cleared through this area to allow the public to traverse the area on foot. Markers to interpret those features of natural interest may also be placed in this zone, provided that these features are not particularly sensitive to public attention.

4.23f. Facilities and Structures

The Managing Entity shall undertake a study to determine the need for facilities and structures within this zone. The findings of this study, along with a plan for these improvements, will be submitted to the Department in January of 1979. The Managing Entity shall consult with those educational institutions which have an interest in making use of the area and with all other interested parties to determine the most appropriate disposition and character for the following:

- parking areas
- trails

- public service areas (picnic sites, sanitary facilities)
- outdoor lecture areas
- research facilities
- public safety devices

and other considerations which are of interest.

No structures or facilities shall be introduced upon the area until such time as the Department has approved a plan for these improvements.

4.23g. Vehicles and Motor Powered Equipment

No mechanical vehicles of any design are allowed to traverse the area. Power tools are restricted from the area as well, except as the Managing Entity finds necessary for the purposes of management. These vehicle restrictions shall remain in effect until the facilities and structures plan provided for in this zone determines an appropriate place for parking vehicles.

5. Supplemental Management Responsibilities

The Managing Entity should make all practical effort to monitor the influences shaping the character of the Natural Area. Specific attention should be given to man-caused disturbances of either the Flathead or Stillwater Rivers, as a significant change in the pattern of flow of these rivers could become a direct threat to the Natural Area. Should the Managing Entity discover a development occurring within these rivers, which threatened the Natural Area, the Department should be notified immediately.

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APPENDIX

OFFICE OF THE STATE FORESTER.

No.

March

Milo J. Howard

Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 21 West

....., 19⁶⁹ and ending

February 28

annually

and no/100 -----

In the event that this license is issued for the purpose of livestock grazing, the licensee agrees not only

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The licensee shall pay the grazing fee as set by the Commissioner of State Lands and Investments each year provided that no lease issued as a result of competitive bidding shall be subject to this provision, unless the rental set by competitive bidding is less than the authorized minimum rental.

1. Comply with all regulations governing the use of State Forest Land including all State Sanitary Laws and Regulations.

4. Refrain from cutting or destroying any State Forest Timber or using any of said timber for the construction of fire towers unless written permission has first been obtained from the State Forester.

5. Refrain from using any State Property without first obtaining the permission of the State Forester
6. Peaceably yield possession of these premises upon termination of this license for any cause.

The licensor, as further consideration for this agreement, agrees to:

7. Allow the licensee to construct improvements which will increase the use for which this license was granted; however, the licensee must file plans and specifications for such improvements with, and obtain the approval of the State Forester prior to the actual construction of such improvements.

8. Allow the licensee to remove all improvements constructed by him on these premises upon the termination of the agreement, provided that the licensee removes such improvements within sixty days after the termination of the agreement and that such removal will not damage the premises. Upon the failure to remove said improvements within the specified sixty day period, all right, title and interest in such improvements will become vested in the licensor. The licensee shall not remove such improvements without first obtaining the permission of the State Forester and permission will not be granted as long as licensee has failed to make payment of any money due the licensor under any of the terms of this agreement.

9. Allow this license to be transferred by the licensee to any other person after proper application has been made to and the written approval secured from the State Forester. Any attempt to transfer this license without the State Forester's written approval will result in the automatic termination of this agreement.

It is further agreed that:

10. The State Forester has the power to cancel this license for any of the following causes: misrepresentation, fraud, or concealment of facts relating to the issuance of this license where such facts if known would have prevented the issuance of this license; use of the premises for purposes other than those herein authorized; overgrazing or any other misuse or abuse of the premises; or for any other reason which in the judgment of the State Forester is necessary for the protection of the best interests of the licensor. Cancellation of this license for reasons stated in this section will not entitle the licensee to any refund of or exemption in the payment of license fee stated in this agreement.

11. The licensor reserves the right to withdraw all or any part of these premises from grazing if in the opinion of the State Forester the premises are overgrazed and such withdrawal will be in the best interests of the licensor. In the event of such withdrawal grazing fees will be adjusted on the basis of the adjusted carrying capacity of the premises.

12. The licensee shall permit State Forest Officials, Users of State Forest Lands, Purchasers of State Forest Products, free ingress and egress across the premises herein described, when so authorized by the State Forester. The licensor reserves the right to enter upon these premises to prospect for coal, oil, gas and minerals, and to grant permits for other uses not in conflict with this permit.

13. Where this license is granted for the purpose of grazing livestock the licensee agrees that all bedding and salting of livestock shall be at a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from streams, lakeshores, and other water, or on divides between drainages when streams are closer together than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

14. The licensee agrees not to use lands under this agreement for the purpose of encroaching on adjacent range lands or in such a manner as to cause overgrazing or soil and range deterioration on adjacent lands.

15. This authorization is subject to cabinsite rules and regulations as approved by the State Board of Land Commissioners. See Attachment.

16. The licensee is required to pay any costs of noxious weed control in the event any portion of the area described in the license is included in a "County Weed Control District" project.

16a. The licensee may be required to construct and maintain fences as directed by the State Forester to promote better range management and prevent unauthorized use of the above described area by trespass stock.

17. The making, execution and delivery of this agreement by the licensee has been induced by no representations, statements, warranties, or agreements other than those herein expressed. This agreement embodies the entire understanding of the parties and there are no further or other agreements or understandings, written or oral in effect between the parties, relating to the subject matter hereof except as maybe hereto attached. This instrument may be amended or modified only by an instrument of equal formality signed by the respective parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

David C. Moore
LICENSOR
State Forester

By

Earl Salomon
Forest Management Supervisor

LICENSEE

Address Route 2, Kellsipall, Montana 59901

RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATION NO. 4771
AFFECTING THE E1NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 16, Twp. 28N.,
Rge. 21W., Flathead County, Montana.

RIGHT OF WAY DEED

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

To all To whom These presents Shall Come:

Know ye that the State of Montana, in consideration of the sum of

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now paid, grants to -----PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY-----
a right of way for a -----Kallispell, Montana-----
-----ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION POLE LINE-----

upon and across state lands, as follows:

A tract or strip of land in the E½NW¼, Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 10 East, Teton County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

FIGURE 2

This right of way is granted upon the express condition, which is accepted by the grantee, that the State and its lessees and purchasers shall have the right to use and fully enjoy the land hereby granted, except the part that is actually occupied by the poles and supports, to cultivate, seed and harvest the crops thereon; and that the grantee and its successors and assigns shall pay any and all damages which may result to the crops, fences and other property from the construction, maintenance, operation or removal of the said electric transmission pole line. The said damages if not mutually agreed upon shall be ascertained and determined by three disinterested persons, one of whom to be appointed by the purchaser or lessee of the land, heirs or assigns, one by the grantee herein, its successors or assigns, and the third by the two so appointed as aforesaid. The award of such three persons shall be final and conclusive.

It is also understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that if any conflict should arise, this easement shall be inferior and subject to any easement heretofore or hereafter granted in the said lands for public highways.

It is further Provided that whenever said lands herein granted as a right of way shall cease to be used for such purpose, the same shall revert to the state upon notice to that effect being given to the said grantee named herein.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the State of Montana has caused these presents to be executed by the Governor, and to be attested by the Secretary of State, and countersigned by the Commissioner of State Lands and Investments, and the Great Seal of the State, and the Seal of the State Board of Land Commissioners to be hereunto affixed this-----

-----THIRD-----day of-----SEPTEMBER-----A. D. 1958---

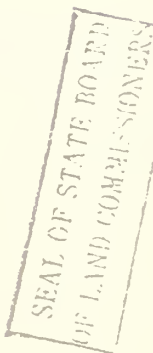


/s/ J. Hugo Aronson
Governor of the State of Montana

ATTEST:

/s/ Frank Murray
Countersigned by
Secretary of State

/s/ Lou E. Bretzke
Commissioner of State Lands and Investments



WATER QUALITY BUREAU-MONT STATE HEALTH DEPT.

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

STATE	MONTANA	COUNTY	FLATHEAD
LATITUDE-LONGITUDE	481214N 1141652W	LOCATION	28R 21W 09CAD
SAMPLE TYPE	SIREAM	LAB NO.	72- 106
GEOLOGICAL SOURCE		SAMPLE OR BOTTLE NO.	721016
DRAINAGE BASIN		AGENCY AND STATION CODE	KWQ -04
DATE SAMPLED	10-16-72	DEPTH WATER ENTERS WELL	
TIME SAMPLED	0900	SWL ABOVE(+) OR BELOW GS	
DATE ANALYZED	12-12-72	ALTITUDE OF SAMPLE POINT	2890
SAMPLE HANDLING	1210	WATER FLOW RATE	
METHOD SAMPLED	BOTTLE	FLOW MEAS METHOD	
SANITARY CONDITION		PRINCIPAL USE OF WATER	MULTIPLE

PROJECT KALISPELL WATER QUALITY BUREAU, KEENAN, K.D.

REMARKS STILLWATER R. AT KALISPELL

PARAMETERS REPORTED IN MILLIGRAMS PER LITER EXCEPT AS INDICATED

	MG/L	MEQ/L		MG/L	MEQ/L
CALCIUM (CA)	37.	1.860	BICARBONATE (HCO3)	167.	2.739
MAGNESIUM (MG)	12.1	0.998	CARBONATE (CO3)	0.	0.000
SODIUM (NA)	2.6	0.113	HYDROXIDE (OH)	0.	0.000
POTASSIUM (K)			CHLORIDE (CL)	0.7	0.018
TOT. IRON (FE)	.07	0.004	SULFATE (SO4)	4.5	0.094
MANGANESE (MN)			NITRATE (NO3)		
ALUMINUM (AL)			FLUORIDE (F)		
ICA (SIO2)			PHOSPHATE (PO4)		

TOTAL CATIONS	2.974	TOTAL ANIONS	2.851
STANDARD DEVIATION OF CATION-ANION BALANCE -0.81 SIGMA			

LABORATORY PH	8.00	CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3	137
FIELD TEMPERATURE		NON-CARB. HARDNESS AS CaCO3	5
CALCULATED DISSOLVED SOLIDS	224.4	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO3	142
EVAPORATED SOLIDS AT 105 C		TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO3	137
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE IN		LANGLIER SATURATION INDEX	
MICROMHOS/CM AT 25 C	257.0	RYSNAR STABILITY INDEX	
SODIUM ADSORPTION RATIO	0.1	TECH. CORROSION INDEX	

ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS

AA CALCIUM (CA)	42.	AA MAGNESIUM (MG)	10.
TR LEAD (PB)	.03	TR ZINC (ZN)	.01
TR COPPER (CU)	.01	TR CADMIUM (CD)	<.01
TR MERCURY (HG)	<.001	TR ARSENIC (AS)	.001

NOTE: PARAMETERS ARE TOTAL DISSOLVED UNLESS LABELED TR-TOTAL RECOVERABLE
DILUTE SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE

MEAS DSC	0.	CALC DSC	277.	CA	MG	NA	K	CL	SO4	HCO3	CO3	NO3
CALCULATED MEQ/L	0.0			63	34	4	0	1	3	96	0	0

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WATER QUALITY BUREAU-MONT STATE HEALTH DEPT.

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

STATE	MONTANA	COUNTY	FLATHEAD
ITUDE-LONGITUDE	481214N 1141652W	LOCATION	28N 21W 09CAB
SAMPLE TYPE	STREAM	LAB NO.	73 1208
GEOLOGICAL SOURCE		SAMPLE OR BOTTLE NO.	730723
DRAINAGE BASIN	76 LJ	AGENCY AND STATION CODE	KWQ -04
DATE SAMPLED	07-23-73	DEPTH WATER ENTERS WELL	
TIME SAMPLED	1635	SWL ABOVE (+) OR BELOW GS	
DATE ANALYZED	07-27-73	ALTITUDE OF SAMPLE POINT	2890
SAMPLE HANDLING	4100	WATER FLOW RATE	
METHOD SAMPLED	BOTTLE	FLOW MEAS METHOD	
SANITARY CONDITION		PRINCIPAL USE OF WATER	MULTIPLE

PROJECT KALISPELL WATER QUALITY BUREAU, KEENAN
REMARKS STILLWATER R. AT KALISPELL

PARAMETERS REPORTED IN MILLIGRAMS PER LITER EXCEPT AS INDICATED

	MG/L	MEQ/L		MG/L	MEQ/L
CALCIUM (CA)			BICARBONATE (HCO3)	150.	2.457
MAGNESIUM (MG)			CARBONATE (CO3)	0.	0.0
SODIUM (NA)			HYDROXIDE (OH)	0.	0.000
POTASSIUM (K)			CHLORIDE (CL)		
TOT. IRON (FE)			SULFATE (SO4)		
MANGANESE (MN)			NITRATE (NO3)	.22	0.004
ALUMINUM (AL)			FLUORIDE (F)		
SILICA (SIO2)			PHOSPHATE (PO4)		

TOTAL CATIONS	0.0	TOTAL ANIONS	2.461
STANDARD DEVIATION OF CATION-ANION BALANCE		9.99 SIGMA	

LABORATORY PH	8.30	CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3	0
FIELD TEMPERATURE		NON-CARB. HARDNESS AS CaCO3	0
CALCULATED DISSOLVED SOLIDS	150.2	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO3	0
EVAPORATED SOLIDS AT 105 C		TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO3	123
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE IN MICROMHOS/CM AT 25 C	233.0	LANGLIER SATURATION INDEX	
SODIUM ADSORPTION RATIO	0.0	RYSNAR STABILITY INDEX	
		TECH. CORROSION INDEX	

ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS

LAB. TURBIDITY (JTU)	2.50	TOTAL PHOSPHATE (PO4)	.07
NITRITE TOTAL AS N	<.03		

NOTE. PARAMETERS ARE TOTAL DISSOLVED UNLESS LABELED TR-TOTAL RECOVERABLE
DILUTE SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE PERCENT REACTANCE VALUES

S DSC	0.	CALC DSC	107.	CA	MG	NA	K	CL	SO4	HCO3	CO3	NO3
CALCULATED MEQ/L	0.0			0	0	0	0	0	0.100	.0	0.	0.

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NOTE. IN CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THIS ANALYSIS REFER TO NUMBER 73 1208

WATER QUALITY BUREAU-MONT STATE HEALTH DEPT. HELENA, MONTANA 59601
WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

STATE	MONTANA	COUNTY	FLATHEAD
ITUDE-LONGITUDE	481214N 1141652W	LOCATION	28N 21W 09CAB
SAMPLE TYPE	STREAM	LAB NO.	73 1056
GEOLOGICAL SOURCE		SAMPLE OR BOTTLE NO.	730723
DRAINAGE BASIN		AGENCY AND STATION CODE	KWQ
DATE SAMPLED	07-23-73	DEPTH WATER ENTERS WELL	
TIME SAMPLED	1635	SWL ABOVE (+) OR BELOW GS	
DATE ANALYZED	08-21-73	ALTITUDE OF SAMPLE POINT	2890
SAMPLE HANDLING	1100	WATER FLOW RATE	
METHOD SAMPLED	BOTTLE	FLOW MEAS METHOD	
SANITARY CONDITION		PRINCIPAL USE OF WATER	MULTIPLE
PROJECT	KALISPELL WATER QUALITY BUREAU, KEENAN		
REMARKS	STILLWATER R. AT KALISPELL		

PARAMETERS REPORTED IN MILLIGRAMS PER LITER EXCEPT AS INDICATED					
	MG/L	MEQ/L		MG/L	MEQ/L
CALCIUM (CA)	32.	1.597	BICARBONATE (HCO3)	138.	2.269
MAGNESIUM (MG)	8.0	0.658	CARBONATE (CO3)	0.	0.000
SODIUM (NA)	2.3	0.100	HYDROXIDE (OH)	0.	0.000
POTASSIUM (K)			CHLORIDE (CL)	0.7	0.021
TOT. IRON (FE)			SULPATE (SO4)	6.8	0.142
MANGANESE (MN)			NITRATE (NO3)		
ALUMINUM (AL)			FLUORIDE (F)		
SILICA (SIO2)			PHOSPHATE (PO4)		

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WATER QUALITY BUREAU-MONT STATE HEALTH DEPT.

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WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

STATE	MONTANA	COUNTY	FLATHEAD
ITUDE-LONGITUDE	481214N 1141652W	LOCATION	28N 21W 09CAB
SAMPLE TYPE	STREAM	LAB NO.	73 2205
GEOLOGICAL SOURCE		SAMPLE OR BOTTLE NO.	731108
DRAINAGE BASIN	76LJ	AGENCY AND STATION CODE	KWQ -04
DATE SAMPLED	11-08-73	DEPTH WATER ENTERS WELL	
TIME SAMPLED	1100	SWL ABOVE(+) OR BELOW GS	
DATE ANALYZED	11-20-73	ALTITUDE OF SAMPLE POINT	2890
SAMPLE HANDLING	7401	WATER FLOW RATE	
METHOD SAMPLED	OTHER	FLOW MEAS METHOD	
SANITARY CONDITION		PRINCIPAL USE OF WATER	MULTIPLE

PROJECT KALISPELL WATER QUALITY BUREAU, KERNAN
REMARKS STILLWATER R. AT KALISPELL

PARAMETERS REPORTED IN MILLIGRAMS PER LITER EXCEPT AS INDICATED

	MG/L	MEQ/L		MG/L	MEQ/L
CALCIUM (CA)			BICARBONATE (HCO ₃)	182.	2.981
MAGNESIUM (MG)			CARBONATE (CO ₃)	2.	0.060
SODIUM (NA)			HYDROXIDE (OH)	0.	0.000
POTASSIUM (K)			CHLORIDE (CL)		
TOT. IRON (FE)			SULFATE (SO ₄)		
MANGANESE (MN)			NITRATE (NO ₃)	.8	0.013
ALUMINUM (AL)			FLUORIDE (F)		
SILICA (SiO ₂)			PHOSPHATE (PO ₄)		

TOTAL CATIONS 0.0 TOTAL ANIONS 3.054
STANDARD DEVIATION OF CATION-ANION BALANCE 9.99 SIGMA

LABORATORY PH	8.35	CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃	0
FIELD TEMPERATURE	1.7 C	NON-CARB. HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃	0
CALCULATED DISSOLVED SOLIDS	184.5	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃	0
EVAPORATED SOLIDS AT 105 C		TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO ₃	152
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE IN		LANGLIER SATURATION INDEX	
MICROMHOS/CM AT 25 C	280.0	RYSNAR STABILITY INDEX	
SODIUM ADSORPTION RATIO	0.0	TECH. CORROSION INDEX	

ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS

AIR TEMP. C	2.5	LAB. TURBIDITY (JTU)	1.7
RESIDUE TOT WFILT	4.	DISSOLVED OXYGEN (O ₂)	11.5
BOD, 5 DAYS (O ₂)	2.8	COD (O ₂)	1.8
F COLI MPN-PC/100ML	10.	T COLI MPN-PC/100ML	85.
TOTAL PHOSPHATE (PO ₄)	.04	ORTHO PHOSPHATE (PO ₄)	.04

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DILUTE SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE PERCENT REACTANCE VALUES
AS DSC 0. CALC DSC 136. CA MG NA K CL SO₄ HCO₃ CO₃ NO₃
ERROR DSC 0.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 98 2 0
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SOILS ON SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST

FROM SOIL SURVEY SERIES 1946,
NO. 4, ISSUED SEPTEMBER 1960

UPPER FLATHEAD VALLEY AREA, MONTANA

U.S.D.A.
Soil Conservation Service
In cooperation with
Montana Agricultural Experiment Station

Map Symbol Cc:

Chamokane and Banks soils, 0 to 4 percent slopes (Cc). - This undifferentiated mapping unit consists of Chamokane soils and Banks loamy fine sand. These soils occur in such an intricate pattern that it was not feasible to map them separately. Both soils are described under their respective series.

The droughtiness of the Banks soils makes this unit generally unsuitable for farming. A small part is cultivated along with larger areas of more productive soils.

The mapping unit is mostly in brushy pasture, and it is in capability unit IVs-1.

Chamokane Series

The Chamokane series consists of shallow, immature soils of the flood plains. They occur mainly along the Flathead River. These soils are subject to flooding in spring and early in summer. Light-colored alluvium is deposited on them each year.

The native vegetation is a moderate to dense stand of deciduous trees and brush and scattered coniferous trees. The more open areas have a good cover of grass. Bluegrass and several kinds of clover readily establish themselves where the trees are thinned or cut.

The surface soil of the Chamokane soils is grayish brown and sandy. It is underlain by pale-brown sandy material. Light brownish-gray fine sandy material occurs at an average depth of about 2 feet. These soils are generally slightly calcareous throughout.

These soils are slightly darker and finer textured than the Banks soils.

Typical profile (Chamokane fine sandy loam):

- A₁ 0 to 7 inches, grayish-brown to dark grayish-brown (10YR 5/2, dry; 4/2, moist) fine sandy loam; weak, medium, granular or crumb structure; soft when dry, very friable when moist; calcareous; boundary clear.
- C₁ 7 to 12 inches, pale-brown to brown (10YR 6/3, dry; 4.5/3, moist) fine sandy loam; massive to weak, crumb structure; soft when dry, very friable when moist; calcareous; boundary clear.
- C₂ 12 to 14 inches, very pale brown to pale-brown (10YR 7/3, dry; 6/3, moist) fine sandy loam; massive; soft when dry, very friable when moist; calcareous; boundary clear.

- D 24 to 34 inches, light brownish-gray to pale-brown (10YR 6/2, dry; 6/3, moist), loose loamy fine sand stratified with fine and medium sand; calcareous.

The Chamokane soils vary somewhat in texture of the surface soil and subsoil and in the degree and kind of stratification of the substratum. The texture of the surface soil is dominantly fine sandy loam, but in some areas the surface soil is loam and silt loam and the upper subsoil is loam. The lower subsoil is more sandy than the upper subsoil and grades to loose, stratified sand or sand and gravel below a depth of 2 or 3 feet. A few small pieces of gravel are present throughout the soil.

Banks Series

Soils of the Banks series are sandy for their entire depth. They occupy flood plains, mainly along the Flathead River. They have developed in recently deposited, very sandy alluvium. The native vegetation on Banks soils is a fair to good cover of coarse grasses, shrubs, and evergreen and deciduous trees.

Bank soils are subject to frequent flooding, but between floods they are well drained down to the water table. When the river is low, the water table is from 4 to 10 feet below the soil surface, depending on the elevation of soil above the river.

These soils have been stabilized only a short time and have weathered little since the parent material was deposited. Only a small amount of organic matter has accumulated in the surface soil. Vegetation has had little effect on color or other characteristics of these soils. All layers are calcareous.

The Banks and Chamokane soils and Riverwash occupy most of the low bottom lands along the Flathead River. These bottom lands extend from near Kalispell north to where the river leaves the mountains. The Banks soils have lighter colored surface soil and upper subsoil and sandier lower subsoil than the Chamokane soils. The soils occupy slightly higher elevations, are more stable, and have a better vegetative cover than Riverwash.

Typical profile (Banks loamy fine sand, in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 35, Twp. 29N., Rge. 21W.):

- A₁ 0 to 3 inches, grayish-brown to dark-brown (10YR 5/3.5, dry; 3/3, moist) loamy fine sand; weak, fine, crumb structure when moist, loose and single grained when dry; calcareous; boundary clear.
- C₁ 3 to 17 inches, light brownish-gray to dark grayish-brown (10YR 6/2, dry; 4/2, moist) loamy fine sand; loose, single-grained; calcareous; boundary clear.
- C₂ 17 to 30 inches, same as horizon above, but sand is medium and coarse and 5 to 10 percent of material is fine and medium gravel.

The slight reddish or brownish cast throughout the Banks soils is due to the reddish and brownish argillite and quartzite sand grains. The second layer in the profile varies considerably in thickness in short distances and from area to area. The loose, underlying sand occurs at depths ranging from 8 to 20 inches.

Banks loamy fine sand, 0 to 4 percent slopes (Ba). - This soil has the profile described for the Banks series. The soil is suitable only for pasture, and very little of it is cultivated. It is somewhat unstable under native vegetation and is cut and scoured by overflows. If plowed, the soil is likely to be washed away in places. Pastures could be improved by thinning brush and trees. This soil is in capability unit VIs-1.

CAPABILITY UNIT IVs-1

Shallow to moderately deep, dark-colored, loamy, nearly level to gently rolling soils that are underlain by sand and gravel

Birch fine sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

Chamokane and Banks soils, 0 to 4 percent slopes.

Kalispell gravelly loam, moderately deep over gravel, 3 to 7 percent slopes.

Kalispell gravelly loam, moderately deep over gravel, 7 to 12 percent slopes.

Kiwanis-Birch fine sandy loams, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

Kiwanis-Birch loams, 0 to 4 percent slopes.

Mires gravelly loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes.

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These soils generally occur where rainfall is low in the Area. In addition, their texture and shallowness to strata of sand and gravel lower their capacity to hold moisture for plants. Their chief limitation, therefore, is droughtiness. The risk of erosion is slight.

These soils are suited best to grasses. If management is good, they can be used for hay or pasture. The desirable grasses eventually thin out and are replaced by weeds and by Bluegrass and other low-producing grasses. Before this occurs, the soil should be seeded to small grain for 1 or 2 years, and desirable grasses then reseeded in the grain stubble.

Grazing should be light or moderate. Some grass is irrigated by sprinklers to improve the vigor and yield of forage.

CAPABILITY UNIT VIs-1

Mixed alluvial soils that are subject to flooding, droughtiness, and seasonal high water table

Alluvial land, well drained.

Banks loamy fine sand, 0 to 4 percent slopes.
Banks very fine sandy loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes.
Birch gravelly loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes.

These soils are generally along streams that are subject to overflow. Some of the acreage has been washed away through undercutting of stream banks.

The soils of this unit have a high water table part of the time, but in summer they are droughty. These areas should be cleared and developed as meadow or pasture. The best spots may be suitable for cultivation. Information as to the feasibility of clearing any areas of these soils for cultivation can be obtained from the county agricultural agent or the Soil Conservation District office.

Map Symbol Bb:

Banks very fine sandy loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes (Bb). - This soil is similar to Banks loamy fine sand, 0 to 4 percent slopes, except for texture of the surface soil. Most of this soil is subject to overflow from the river and is used for pasture. The amount and quality of forage could be improved by removing brush and thinning the trees.

Some of the higher lying, more stable acreage has been cleared and is used mainly for alfalfa, tame grasses, and garden vegetables. This soil is in capability unit VI-1.

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TABLE 1. Soil Characteristics and Qualities Affecting Use and Source of Material for Soil Series in the Upper F head
 , ley Area, Montana, 1970.

Soil Series	Physiographic Features	Soil Profile			Soil Drainage			Source of	
		Surface Layer	Subsoil Layer	Substratum	Water Table	Flooding Hazard	Surface Runoff Class	Top Soil	Sand or Gravel
Banks	Smooth low terraces of the grayish brown, flood plains loamy fine which are dis- sand or fine sected by braided stream channels.	0 to 17",		17 to 60", loose med- ium and coarse sand of flooding with small amounts of gravel	3 to 10' except dur- ing period of flooding	Frequent Very slow	Well drained between floods	Poor	Good if washed
Chamokane	Nearly level to gentle Irre- grayish brown gular slopes of fine sandy the low terraces loam, sandy and flood plains loam or loam which are dissected by stream channels.	0 to 7", dark	7 to 24", pale brown fine sandy loam that is weakly calcareous	24 to 60" stratified loose loamy sand and sand with variable amounts of gravel.	3 to 10' except dur- ing periods of flooding	Frequent Slow	Mod. well drained	Fair to 8 or 10"	Fair for Good if washed

TABLE 2 Estimated Physical & Chemical Properties of Soils Upper Flathead Soil Survey Area, Montana 1970									
Soil Series and Map Symbols	Depth to:		Classification		Per- cent- age		Percentage passing sieve		Sa- Shr- Frost lin- ink-Ac- Corrosivity
	Bed- rock, gravel, etc. (inches)	Season- al Water Table (Feet)	Depth from Surface (inches)	USDA Texture	Un- fied	AASHO	No. 4 No. 10	No. 40 No. 200	
Banks (Ba, 8b)	30 to 60 (gravel)	3 to 10	0 to 17	Loamy fine sand	SM	A-2-4	0 to 1	95-100 65-80 20-35 2.0- 6.3 .10 8.4	Perme- In- - abili- ches lity per Re- inch. in- achac- mm- tion Un- per of tion hos ten ted Conc- Soil pH /cm tialSteel rete
			17 to 60	Med. & Coarse Sand	SP-SM	A-1	0 to 2	85-100 50-70 5-10 6.3- .03- 7.9- 0-2 Low Low Low Low	
Chamo- kane (Ca, Cb, Cc)	36 to 60 (gravel)	3 to 10	0 to 24	Fine Sandy Loam	SM or ML	A-4	0 to 1	95-100 60-80 40-60 2.0- 6.3 .14 8.4	.10- 7.9- 2-4 Low Mod Low Low
			24 to 60	Loamy Fine Sand	SM	A-2-4	0 to 2	90-100 75-100 50-70 15-35 2.0- 6.3 .10 8.4	.06- 7.9- 2-4 Low Mod Low Low

TABLE 3. Estimated Soil Limitations or Suitabilities for Selected Uses in Urban Planning and Development - Upper Flathead Valley Area

Note: These Interpretations will not eliminate the need for on-site soil investigations for design & construction.

Map ping Unit	Soil Name and Phase	Slope Range	Bldg. Sites Resi- dential	Roads and Parking	Lawns and Landscaping	Intensive Play Areas	Picnicking and Camping	Sanitary Ceme- teries	Sewage Disposal			
									Septic Tank Use	Ponds	Lagoons	Embankment
Bb	Banks very fine sandy loam	0-4	Severe 1	Severe 1	Severe 1	Mod. 1,17	Mod. 1,17	Severe 1,2, Severe 16	Severe 1,16	Severe 11,16	Severe 6,11, 19	
Cc	Chamokane & Banks soils	0-4	Severe 1	Severe 1	Severe 1	Mod. 1,17	Mod. 1,17	Severe 1,2, Severe 16	Severe 1,16	Severe 11,16	Severe 6,11, 19	

Picea/Equisetum arvense h.t.
(S/Eqar; spruce/common horsetail)

The S/Eqar h.t. is a very localized edaphic habitat type of wet benches and lowlands and is somewhat comparable topographically and edaphically to the WRC/Ophi h.t. of northwestern Montana. It usually develops on flat sites with poor drainage, such as broad alluvial valley bottoms, beaver ponds, old stream beds, and glacial kettles. On some of these sites thick layers of organic muck have developed. On others the substrate is composed of fine alluvium, often with heavy surface layers of organic matter. Soils are probably highly acidic, water permeates the soil throughout most of the year, and surface water is often present.

In general the habitat type is rare, but it becomes abundant locally, especially in the Little Belt Mountains along drainages such as Sheep Creek (along Highway 89 north of White Sulphur Springs). It was found at elevations of 2900-3600 feet in northwest Montana and ranged from 5300 to 6800 feet on national forests east of the Continental Divide.

Picea (principally hybrids) is essentially the only successful coniferous tree species. High water tables allow other conifers to succeed only on relatively dry hummocks. Populus spp. or Betula papyrifera may be abundant in seral stands.

The undergrowth normally is dominated by Equisetum spp. and wet site forbs and graminoids. Several variations in composition have been observed on sample plots. Equisetum arvense was abundant in seven out of nine sample stands while E. scirpoides dominated another. In the Flathead Lake vicinity one stand had Lysichitum americanum abundant while another had both Lysichitum and Equisetum arvense abundant. All three species typify the environment of S/Eqar. Cornus stolonifera, Ribes lacustre, and Rosa acicularis are shrubs commonly associated with the undergrowth. Other frequent species are Carex spp., Galium triflorum, Geranium richardsonii, Senecio triangularis, Smilacina stellata, Geum macrophyllum, and Streptopus amplexifolius. Athyrium filix-femina, Rubus pubescens, Cornus canadensis and Viola canadensis were found often in northwestern but not in central and south-central Montana stands.

Ogilvie (1962) describes two similar Picea h.t.s for the northern Rocky Mountains in Alberta. His Picea glauca/Equisetum h.t. appears similar to our variation occurring on alluvial silts. The Picea glauca/Sphagnum-Ledum groenlandicum h.t. occurs on acid peat accumulations much like our variant on deep organic soils; however, our sarrub layer is less developed. Ogilvie does not describe any situation similar to our Lysichitum variant.

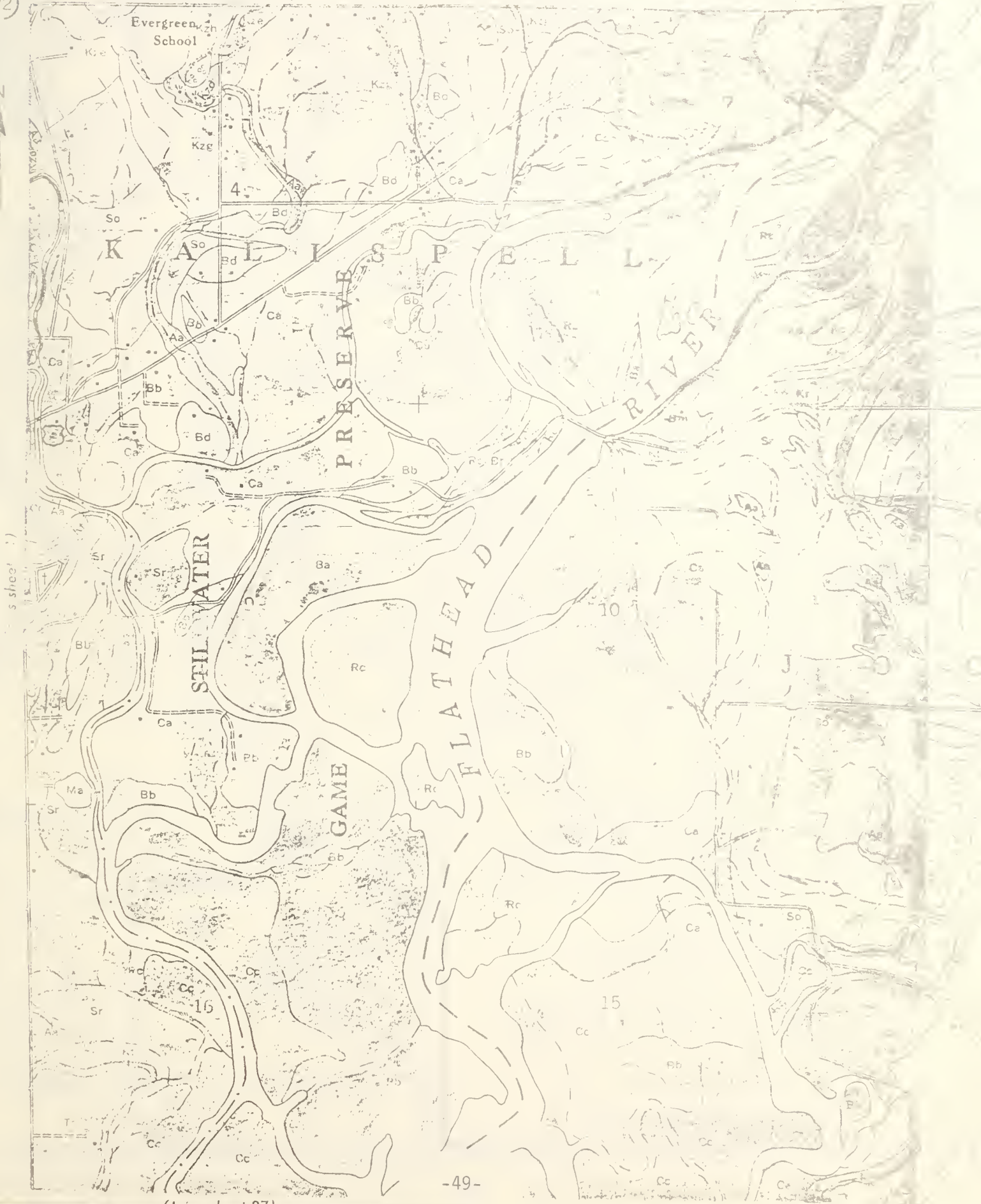
Adjacent habitat types are normally other members of the Picea series on upland sites and Salix, Carex, or Typha bogs on wetter sites.

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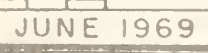
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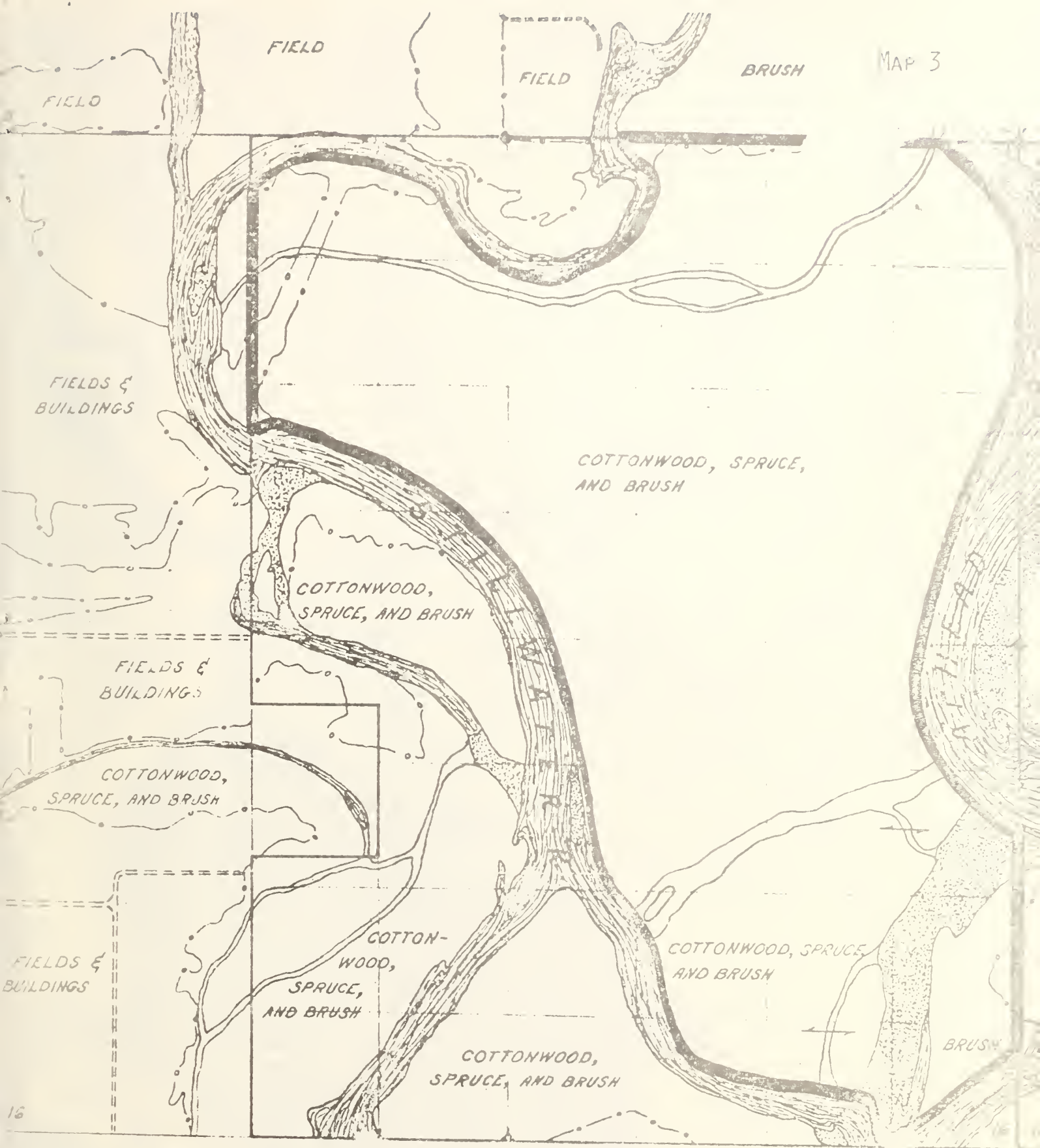
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

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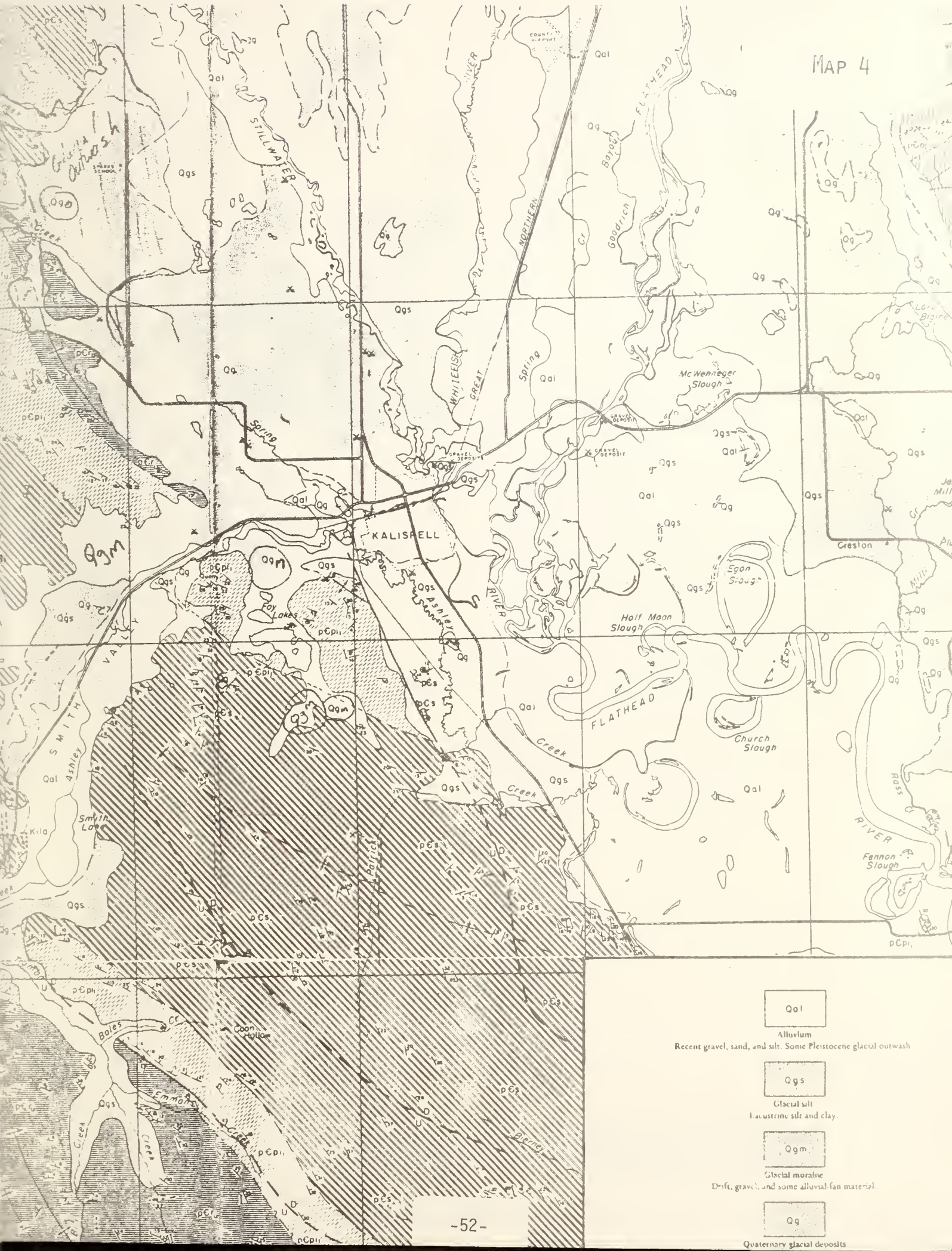




MAP 3

~LEGEND~

- FOREST TYPE CHANGE 
- RIVER OR BACKWATER 
- HIGH WATER CHANNEL 
- GRAVEL BAR 
- EXISTING PUBLIC ROAD 
- STATE OWNERSHIP 



Qal

Alluvium
Recent gravel, sand, and silt. Some Pleistocene glacial outwash

Qgs

Glacial silt
Lacustrine silt and clay

Qgm

Glacial moraine
Drift, gravel, and some alluvial fan material

Qg

Quaternary glacial deposits



KALISPELL QUADRANGLE
MONTANA - FLATHEAD CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES

OWEN SOWERWINE
STATE NATURAL AREA
MANAGEMENT MAP



LEGEND

NATURAL AREA BOUNDARY
MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY
ACCESS LANES
PRESERVE AREA ZONE 1
PRESERVE AREA ZONE 2
PRESERVE AREA ZONE 3

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